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1. EARLY CYPRIOT NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF UNSYG WALDHEIM'S
MAY 31 REPORT ON CYPRUS HAS BEEN PROMINENT BUT EDITORIAL
COMMENT HAS BEEN RESTRAINED.
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2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS EXPRESSES GENERAL SATISFACTION
WITH REPORT AND INTERPRETS IT, ON BALANCE, AS FAVORABLE
TO GOC POSITION. PAPERS AGREE WITH VIEW THAT TALKS
SHOULD NOT BE RESUMED AT THIS TIME AND POINT OUT THAT
CAREFUL READING BETWEEN THE LINES REVEALS THAT
WALDHEIM BLAMES TURKS FOR INTRANSIGENCE. SEVERAL

PAPERS GIVE PROMINENCE TO WALDHEIM'S PASSING COMMENT ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S PROPOSAL AT SSOD FOR DEMILITARIZATION OF CYPRUS, INTERPETING THIS AS POSITIVE INDICATION THAT PROPOSAL WILL BE ADOPTED BY UNGA. PAPERS HAVE NOT YET DEALT WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF WALDHEIM REPORT, SUCH AS EXTENSION OF UNFICYP AND SUGGESTIONS FOR UN ROLE IN OPENING OF VAROSHA OR POSSIBLE UN USE OF NICOSIA AIRPORT.

3. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS JUNE 4 SINGLED OUT FOR HEADLINE TREATMENT PORTION OF THE REPORT DEALING WITH ALTERNATIVES TO INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. HEADLINES READ "WALDHEIM REPEATS NO ALTERNATIVE TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS" AND "SINGLE PATH TO SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PORBLEM IS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS." PAPERS JUNE 5 REPORT ON TFSC "PRIMIN" OREK'S CRITICISM OF WALDHEIM FOR FAILING TO CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS. OREK STATED TURKISH SIDE WOULD REJECT ANY ATTEMPT TO FIND A NEW BASIS FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. EDITORIALS ARE CRITICAL OF WALDHEIM FOR REPORTING THAT NO BASIS PRESENTLY EXIST FOR BEGINNING TALKS.
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